Import of edible oil

478. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import edible oil;

(b) if so, at what rate and the quantity of edible oils likely to be imported;

(c) the quantity of edible oil imported and amount spent thereon during the last three years; and

(d) whether such imports would not effect the interests of oil seed users?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Government is already importing edible oils. The quantum of edible oils being imported is decided by the Government from time to time, keeping in view various factors such as the gap between demand and supply, international prices of edible oils, availability of foreign exchange and other related factors.

(c) The quantity of edible oils imported and the amount spent thereon during the last three oil-years are as under:—

Oil-year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value (in crores)
1984-85	13.68	1122.13
1985-86	11.79	488.95
1986-87	14.97	666.67

(d) No, Sir.

Subsidy on farm inputs

479. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy on farm inputs during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the expected position during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Subsidy has been provided on farm inputs like fertilisers, plant protection and agricultural implements, under Central/Centrally Sponsored Programmes. Details of the amount of subsidy provided on these inputs during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1604.13	1704.75	2053.54

(b) It is not possible to indicate the position regarding subsidies for the next three years, at present.

Books and periodicals published by the Publication Division

480. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SMT. VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of books and periodicals published by the

Publication Division, which remained unsold during the last five years; and

(b) what is the total loss to the State exchequer on this account?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) In the last five years, Publications Division brought out 456 books with a total print order of 22.5 lakhs. Out of this, 71 books having a total print order of 10.66 lakhs have been fully sold out. The remaining 385 titles are still being sold. The Division brought out 21 periodicals with a print order of 880 lakhs approximately which were distributed and sold.

(b) Some of the books published during the last five years are live titles and are still selling. The periodicals are meant to serve publicity purposes. The Publications Division is a publicity oriented department and normal commercial norms of profitability etc. do not apply to them.

खाद्यान्न का नुकसान

481. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि परिवहन और भण्डारण के दौरान भारतीय खाद्य निगम में हर साल खाद्यान्नों की बरबादी हो रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष कितना खाद्यान्न बरबाद हुआ ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि औद्योगिक लागत तथा मूल्य ब्यूरो ने निगम के घाटों में हो रही वृद्धि को देखते हुए भारतीय खाद्य निगम के समग्र आर्थिक ढांचे का पुनर्मूल्यांकन करने को कहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा) : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय खाद्य निगम को हुई खाद्यान्नों की मार्गस्थ और भण्डारण हानियां निम्नानुसार हैं :

(लाख मीटरी टन में)

वर्ष	खरीद-बिक्री	हानि	खरीद-बिक्री के प्रति हानि की प्रतिशतता
1984-85	295.14	5.72	1.94
1985-86	368.40	5.95	1.62
1986-87	398.96	6.51	1.63